

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/516,450

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to November 15, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                     |
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____    | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                   |
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|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

### DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to Amendment filed on November 15, 2007. Claims 7-19 have been cancelled. Claims 1-6 are currently pending and are under examination.

### Withdrawal of Rejections

2. The rejection of claims 1-6 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 9-12, and 22-25 of copending Application No. 10/562,269 is withdrawn because the instant application is the earlier filed application.
3. The rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, scope of enablement is withdrawn based on the amendment to encompass phosphatidyl-L-serine.

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Dinesh Agarwal on January 30, 2008.

Examiner's amendment to the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting ~~blocking~~ or reducing access to a procoagulant membrane by a coagulation molecule, comprising:

- a) providing a procoagulant membrane comprising including a binding site containing phosphatidyl-L-serine; and
- b) adding lactadherin to the membrane wherein the lactadherin will bind to the binding site and reduce access for interaction by a coagulation molecule.
- ~~b) blocking the binding site of the procoagulant membrane by binding lactadherin thereto thereby making the site unavailable for interaction by a coagulation molecule.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein:

a cell ~~biological particle~~ comprises the procoagulant membrane, the cell ~~biological particle~~ comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a platelet, ~~[[a]]~~ an apoptotic cell, a necrotic cell, a blood cell, and a vascular cell.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein:

the coagulation molecule comprises at least one protein member selected from the group consisting of prothrombin, factor V, factor Va, factor VII, factor VIIa, factor VIII, factor VIIIa, factor IX, factor IXa, factor Xa and factor X.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 1-6 are allowed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anand U. Desai, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0947. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Kathleen Kerr Bragdon can be reached on (517) 272-0931. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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